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STATE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACCOUNT

Name:	State Emergency Telephone Number Account
Fund:	0022
Purpose:	To fund the costs of planning and implementing the "911" emergency service number.
Funding:	The SETNA is funded by a surcharge set at a rate of no less than one-half of one percent (.005) or greater than three quarters of one percent (.0075), on intrastate voice telephone communication services originating within the state of California. The surcharge is collected by each telephone service supplier from the consumers and remitted to the Board of Equalization. The tax is assessed on the amount billed by the service supplier to the service user. The current surcharge rate for the 2014 calendar year is three quarters of one percent (.0075).
Collection of Surcharge:	The Board of Equalization collects the surcharge from each telephone communication service provider including Voice over Internet Protocol for access to the 911 system. As of 6/30/2013, there were 549 actively registered providers. The surcharge is reported on a monthly, quarterly or a yearly basis to the Board of Equalization by the service providers.
Management and Administering Agency:	The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Public Safety Communications, California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch manages and administers the SETNA fund to local and state governments for the delivery of 9-1-1 calls.
Major Revenue Source:	Surcharges on intrastate voice telephone communications services originating and terminating within California.
Statue and Historical Information:	 Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Act, California Revenue and Taxation Code Sections: 41001-41176. Chapter 443, Statues of 1976 provides for a surcharge on intrastate communications services, to be deposited in the State Emergency Telephone Number Account in the General Fund. Revenue and Taxation Code section 41020 provides for a surcharge on intrastate voice telephone communications services in California, commencing July 1, 1977. Revenue and Taxation Code section 41030 provides that the State Board of Equalization shall publish the rate for each year, commencing with 1978-79 fiscal year in an amount estimated to produce sufficient revenue to fund the expenditures from the account as authorized by the Budget Act, not to exceed three-quarters of one percent.
Appropriation Authority:	Funds are available upon appropriation by the Legislature.